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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PROMISES TO REMOVE OBSTACLES TO FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION

1. IN HIS SPEECH TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION YESTERDAY, PRESIDENT BALAGUER INDICATED THAT ALL OBSTACLES TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION WILL BE REMOVED. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT GODR WILL GIVE MORE FIRM ENFORCEMENT TO BASIC LAW OF 1962 WHICH, WHILE ESTABLISHING PRINCIPLE OF FREE EXPRESSION, PROVIDES LEGAL RECOURSE TO PREVENT ABUSES AGAINST INDIVIDUALS OR THE STATE. PRESIDENT SAID FREEDOM MUST BE EXERCISED AS A CIVILIZED ACTIVITY AND NOT BE USED WITH IMPUNITY FOR INSULTS, DEFAMATIONS, LIES AND CALUMNIES.

2. YESTERDAY'S LISTIN DIARIO CARRIED STORY BASED ON "HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCE" THAT PRESIDENT WOULD NOT ONLY REVOKE APRIL 8 DECISIONS BY DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS BANNING COMMENTATOR ERCILIO VELOZ BURGOS FROM RADIO AND TELEVISION AND SUSPENDING ABC RADIO'S NEWSCASTS, BUT WOULD ALSO RESTORE TO PRD LEADERS PENA GOMEZ AND CASIMIRO CASTRO AND TO BOX DEL PUEBLO DIRECTOR MEJIA RICART THEIR ABILITY TO RESUME BROADCASTS.
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